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SUBJ: NORWEGIAN LABOR CHEERS PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS, WARNS
COMMUNISTS TO LAY OFF

MINIMIZE CONSIDERED FOR BRUSSELS

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1. ALARMED AT DEVELOPMENT IN PORTUGAL, NORWAY'S LABOR PARTY AND TRADE UNION FEDERATION(LO) TODAY RELEASED A PUBLIC STATEMENT PRAISING PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS AS CHAMPIONS OF DEMOCRACY, WITH PEOPLE'S BACKING, AND EXCORIATING PORTUGUESE COMMUNISTS AS USURPERS TRYING TO FRUSTRATE DEMOCRACY, WHO MUST LEARN TO PLAY BY DEMOCRATIC RULES. THE STATEMENT WARNS OF INTERNATIONAL REPERCUSSIONS FROM FRUSTRATION OF PORTUGUESE DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT. BOTH SUPER POWERS ARE ADMONISHED TO SHOW FORESIGHT IN RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL AND IN CONTACTS WITH DOMESTIC PORTUGUESE GROUPINGS. DETENT MAY BE ENDANGERED AND EAST-WEST TRADE UNION COOPERATION WILL SUFFER IF GOVERNMENT CONTRARY TO POPULAR WILL IS IMPOSED IN PORTUGAL, THE STATEMENT ADDS. IT IS SIGNED BY NEW LABOR PARTY CHAIRMAN REIULF STEEN AND LO PRESIDENT TOR ASPENGREM. LO INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY KAARE SANDEGREN WHO DRAFTED IT, ASKED EMBASSY HELP IN TRANSMITTING IT IMMEDIATELY TO USG AND AFL-CIO. TEXT FOLLOWS. COMMENT FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE LABOR PARTY OF NORWAY AND THENORWEGIAN FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS HAVE FOLLOWED DEVELOPMENT IN PORTUGAL CLOSELY SINCE THE CHANGES IN APRIL 1974. THERE HAS BEEN CLOSE CONTACT BETWEEN THE NORWEGIAN LABOR MOVEMENT AND THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS PARTY, I.A., BY MUTUAL VISITS. THE NORWEGIAN LABOR MOVEMENT HAS GIVEN POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT. THE TRADE UNIONS MOVEMENT HAS ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT IN PORTUGAL IN THE HOPE OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DEMOCRATIC AND UNIFIED TRADE UNION MOVEMENT.

3. AS OTHER DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION MOVEMENTS, THE NOR-
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WEGIAN MOVEMENT HAS WITH ADMIRATION FOLLOWED THE PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY'S DETERMINED EFFORTS FOR DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL. A CONVINCING VICTORY WAS WON AT THE ELECTIONS FOR THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. THE ATTITUDE OF THE PEOPLE WAS CLEAR. THE MAJORITY WANTS A POLITICAL DEMOCRACY, A VERY LARGE PART OF THIS MAJORITY WANTS A DEMOCRACY BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALISM.

4. THE COMMUNIST PARTY HAS, AGAINST THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE ASSUMED RIGHTS WHICH SO NO BELONG TO THEM. EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO CREATE A SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WHICH IS CONTRARY TO THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE AND CONTRARY TO THOSE PRINCIPLES WHICH THE DEMOCRATIC LABOR MOVEMENTS OF EUROPE ARE BASED ON. ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING THE COMMUNIST PARTIES, MUST FOLLOW THE DEMOCRATIC RULES OF THE GAME. THE SOCIALIST PARTY IN PORTUGAL DEMANDS THAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY FOLLOW THESE RULES. WE JOIN THEM IN THEIR DEMAND, WITH THE REST OF THE NORDIC EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC LABOR MOVEMENTS.

5. ELECTIONS IN THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT ARE TO TAKE PLACE SHORTLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECENTLY ADOPTED TRADE UNION LAW. THE NORWEGIAN TRADE UNION MOVEMENT EXPRESSES THE STRONG HOPES THAT INTERSINDICAL CARRY THROUGH DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS THROUGH WHICH THE WILL OF THE TRADE UNIONISTS WILL BE EXPRESSED.

6. THE NORWEGIAN LABOR PARTY AND THE NORWEGIAN FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS AGAIN STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL FOR EUROPE. ATTEMPTS TO EFFECT NEW UPHEAVALS MAY HAVE CONSEQUENCES INTERNATIONALLY. THOSE FORCES IN PORTUGAL WHICH CREATE OBSTACLES TO A DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT CARRY A RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH CONSEQUENCES. THE SUPER POWERS WILL, ON THEIR SIDE HAVE TO SHOW FORESIGHT IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL IN GENERAL AND IN THEIR CONTACT WITH GROUPS AND PARTIES INSIDE THE COUNTRY IN PARTICULAR. A SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL CONTRARY TO THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE MAY ENDANGER THE WORK FOR DETENTE OF EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE WHICH HAS BEGUN SO WELL WILL SUFFER. NO ONE WILL WIN.

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7. THE NORWEGIAN LABOR MOVEMENT DECLARES ITS SOLIDARITY WITH THE PSP IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR SOCIALISM IN FREEDOM IN PORTUGAL. WE WILL, IN CONSULTATION WITH OUR COMRADES IN THE SOCIALIST PARTY, GIVE OUR SUPPORT TO THIS STRUGGLE. END TEXT.
BYRNE

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